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## **Free Child Safety Seat Clinic**

The Beaverton Police Department in a partnership with ACTS Oregon and Kuni Collision Center will be conducting a free child car seat clinic on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at Kuni Collision Center located at 3725 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This clinic is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install and use a child safety seat. A properly installed and used child safety seat will greatly decrease the chance of your child sustaining a serious or life threatening injury during a motor vehicle crash.

### **Car seat recommendation for children from NHTSA**

#### **Birth-12 months:**

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing seat.

#### **1-3 years:**

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep your child safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until they reach the top height and weight limits allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

#### **4-7 years:**

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until they reach the top height and weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat.

#### **8-12 years:**

Keep your child in a booster seat until they are big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should fit snug across the shoulders and the chest and not across the neck or face. Remember it is much safer for your child to ride in the back seat.

Oregon law requires that your child be in some type of child safety seat until they are 4'9" or 8 years of age. It is recommended that you keep them in at least a booster seat as long as possible.

To ensure correct installation and fast service, please read and bring your car seat instructions and vehicle owner's manual. A certified technician will help parents and caregivers learn to install and use their child restraints properly.

No appointment is required just drop by during the event.

Each car seat check will take about 30 minutes.

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